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ent:

Monday, April 02, 2012 9:05 AM

To:

SHEWCZYK Susan; schanilec.kevin@epamail.epa.gov

Cc:

Paul Minor; Popotnik, Frank; Tarka, Michelle

Subject:

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- 1. When was Veolia first contacted by any ATI company about the containers on the July shipping document? Provide documentation.
- 2. How did Veolia become aware of the condition of the containers?
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- 4. Is there a way to correlate the containers to the shipping documents, such as numbers, weights, designating markings, any method?
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Subject:

Questions regarding ATI PF, Rochester PA

I have attached a scan of that email that I obtained this morning. You shared a document from ATI Precision Finishing showing 40 drums with ~48,000 lb weight estimate was picked up from Rochester PA between 7/13/2011 and 7/15/2011 and delivered to ATI WahChang Oregon.

All 40 containers received at WTI were 85gallon overpacks. Only the first eight containers were opened.

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- **C.** WTI personnel visited ATI Precision Finishing in February 2012 as a factfinding mission due to their incident. The WTI notes from that visit indicate that Precision Finishing marks the tops of their containers with a grease pencil, indicating the location where the containers are to be shipped. WTI personnel observed markings on top of the drums in storage. Of the eight overpack containers that were opened at WTI, the eighth one contained an inner metal drum with NO metal lid. It is possible that this lid had a "designator location" or some other information that was not included in the shipment to WTI.
- 1. Can you ask about those markings and what they designate?
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If they actually were sending out this material on a regular basis, as their 4 shipping documents indicate, then are there any docs from September 2010 through July 2011? July 2011 is the shipment which was shipped to ATI WahChang Oregon.

.hen, there is the document showing the shipment from Rochester to WahChang. This document is completely different. Could we only have two pages of several? This document shows 40 containers, also 40,000 lb, also the HM block with an "X", but the description now reads "Zirconium scrap: borings, clippings, shavings, turnings or scalpings, zirconium grinder swarf". The hazard class is now 4.1 and the ID # is now 1358, packing group II. Per the 2008 DOT *Emergency Response Guidebook* - the UN 1358 is for Zirconium powder, wetted with not less than 25% water, or also for Zirconium metal, powder, wet. Both compare to Guide No. 170, which is for metals (powders, dusts, shavings, borings, turnings, or cuttings, etc).

When shipping from Rochester to a recycler - they used 4.2 spontaneously combustible. When shipping from Rochester to WahChang, they used 4.1 flammable solid (if we have the correct document to match up with the shipment from WahChang Oregon to WTI).

It might also be helpful to look at the IN-bound materials into Rochester to see whether there is something that we are missing. Perhaps some material was shipped off-site from Rochester and then at a later date was returned to Rochester. We still cannot account for the holes which were present in the drums processed here at WTI.

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I am always available if you would like to discuss further. thanks again

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Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 7:30 AM

To: Tarka, Michelie Subject: FW: DEP Visit

FYI

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From: Welsh, Gary L. [mailto:Gary.Welsh@ATImetals.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 3:53 PM

To: Minor, Paul

Subject: RE: DEP Visit

Paul, you are correct, the shipping destination was New Cumberland WV. Please see the attached. Thank you Gary

From: Minor, Paul [mailto:pminor@pa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 3:25 PM

To: Welsh, Gary L. Subject: RE: DEP Visit

'm not aware of a AL Solutions 'New Cumberland in Maryland. Are you sure it isn't New Cumberland, WV? In either case can ATI scan and email the shipping papers?

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From: Welsh, Gary L. [mailto:Gary.Welsh@ATImetals.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 12:26 PM

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ant: Thursday, March 15, 2012 1:37 PM

ro: Minor, Paul Cc: Matsukas, Paul S Subject: DEP Visit

Paul, I wanted to let you know that I will not be in the office on Friday. I will be back in the office Monday and will give you a call at that time. In the interim I have attached the 2011 Hazardous Waste Report for our Rochester Facility. Paul mentioned that you were inquiring as to our transformer disposal and previous Hazardous Waste disposal. Our goal has always been to operate our facilities hazardous waste free. To that end we use no wet type transformers and to my knowledge have never had a need for hazardous waste disposal at this facility.

Have a great weekend

Gary

From: Matsukas, Paul S

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 1:11 PM

To: Welsh, Gary L. Subject: DEP Visit

Gary – Contact information attached. Paul Minor has a few follow up questions to be answered and asked if you could contact him Friday.

Thank you, Paul



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April 13, 2012

Mr. Lee Weber Director of Environmental Services ATI - Wah Chang 1600 Old Salem Road PO Box 460 Albany, Oregon 97321-0460

Pursuant to the authority of ORS 466.195, the Department of Environmental Quality is requesting some general information and specific information pertaining to manifest # 000167371 using profiles 92796-1 and/or 434443 dated 12/16/2011.

General requests:

- 1.) All exemptions and exclusions under 40 CFR 261.4(a)(17);
- 2.) All solid waste determinations for recycled materials under 40 CFR 261.2 through 261.6
- 3.) A list of all recycling media generated onsite, a description, point of generation, process that produces the recycling product, and where it goes, analytical results including WC mist and immersion testing, and friction testing for ignitable or reactive wastes;
- 4.) A list of offsite producers sending byproducts, co-products, or recycled media to ATI Wah Chang including generation location, description of process, profile #, analytical results;
- 5.) How does recycling media get sent out or sent to WTI Wah Chang (i.e. trip tickets, bills of lading, manifests); and
- 6.) A copy of the Contingency Plan

In regards to the forty drums listed on manifest # 000167371 using profile 434443 and 92796-1, provide answers to each question including all documentation for each question individually.

Documentation should include: where the drums were generated; process generating the media; drum number; carriers; transfer destinations; repackaging information; storage locations; drum description; dates; manifests; bills of lading; receipts; billings; weights; labeling; placarding; trip tickets; HW records; field logs; emails; and any other documents in reference to the forty drums listed on the manifest described above.

- Please provide a list of the drums transported from ATI Wah Chang to WTI Heritage by listing the drum, drum number, description of contents, description and condition of the metal drum, whether it was overpacked, and if the metal drum was immersed in oil inside the overpack. Please provide this information in table form with the documents behind the table specifying which drums the supporting documents pertain to.
- **2)** It is our understanding that there is an agreement between ATI-Wah Chang and ATI-Precision Finishing, where the zirconium fines and grindings are under the control of ATI-Wah Chang. And that ATI-Wah Chang determines where these materials go for recycling. Please provide the following information.
 - a) A copy of the agreement between ATI-Wah Chang and ATI-PrecisionFinishing.

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- e) Were any zirconium fines and/or grinding generated at any ATI facility, within the past three years present at any facilities where there was a fire, explosion or release? Discuss where it was generated and when and where the fire, explosion or release occurred.
- f) Were the 40 drums on manifest #000167371 the same containers received at Wah Chang from Rochester, PA? Where were the forty drums on manifest #000167371 generated from and where were they stored prior to coming to ATI Wah Chang? Were the 40 drums on manifest #000167371 taken anywhere else prior to coming to ATI Wah Chang? Did the forty drums listed on the July shipping document from ATI Precision Finishing to ATI Wah Chang go anywhere else or were the drums stored anywhere else? Were the forty drums on manifest #000167371 stored at ATI Wah Chang? How long? When were they overpacked and why?
- 3) The drums were shipped from ATI Precision Finishing to ATI Wah Chang.
 - a) Were the drums on the July 2011 shipping document actually generated and placed into overpack drums at ATI Precision Finishing or at ATI Wah Chang? Where were they generated? Are these the same 40 drums on manifest #000167371 or had those initial drums been consolidated with others? If the drums were consolidated, explain by drum number what was included in each drum.
 - b) When these containers were received from Precision Finishing at ATI Wah Chang, what was the condition of the containers? Please provide photos, analytical, documentation, sample results, etc. for each drum.
 - c) How and where were the containers stored at ATI Wah Chang? Provide inspections and photos or other documentation about the storage and condition of the drums.
 - d) When was Veolia first contacted by any ATI company about the containers on the July 2011 shipping document? Provide documentation.
 - e) The Department understands that the 40 drums listed on manifest #000167371 were not in good condition and required overpacking. How did the drums become unsafe for transport?
- **4)** ATI Wah Chang received the 40 drums listed on manifest #000167371 in order to evaluate the material and determine whether the material could be reused or recycled.

- a) What processes or sampling was conducted or attempted to make this determination? Provide documentation.
- b) Provide analytical results including QA/QC, all profiles, and inspection documentation specific to the 40 drums listed in manifest #000167371.
- **5)** Since WTI Wah Chang sent material to be recycled by other ATI facilities, provide all shipments (shipping documents, trip tickets, manifests, etc.) for shipments that Veolia arranged to leave ATI Precision Finishing Rochester, PA from January 2010 until present.

Those records should include:

- a) All versions of all profiles set up from both Precision Finishing Rochester PA and ATI Wah Chang, through Veolia (formerly Onyx).
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- **6)** In reference to manifest #0001667371 using profiles 434443 and 92796-1
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- **7**) It is our understanding there were two shipments being discussed prior to sending the 40 drums on Manifest #000167371. They included 40 30 gallon containers and 40 55-gallon containers of metal fines that were being discussed in an e-mail between Eric Feist, WTI-Heritage, and Frank Hamilton, ATI-Wah Chang.
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- **8)** Please notify the Department prior to moving the 32 drums at WTI Heritage. In your notification please include when, where and how ATI Wah Chang intends to send the drums that are being stored at WTI Heritage. If there are samples being collected please send those analytical results prior to the movement of the drums.

The Department requests a written response by April 30, 2012. Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, feel free contact me in writing or by phone at 503-378-5310.

Please send your response to:

Susan Shewczyk
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Sincerely,

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Thursday, April 26, 2012 6:04 AM

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Cc:

Popotnik, Frank

Subject:

FW: questions regarding AL Solutions

fyi - response received from West Virginia

I do not know where Timet or RTI facilities are located.

From: Fenske, James R [James.R.Fenske@wv.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 8:13 AM

To: Tarka, Michelle

Subject: RE: questions regarding AL Solutions

Responses to your questions:

- A. Drums are not normally stored vented. Shortly after the incident, it is possible the facility took measures to vent some drums within the press room (but not the bulk storage areas) that may have been exposed to the fire.
- B. No drums of un-processed material have left the facility since the fire to the best of my knowledge. Containers in storage have "flammable solid" placards. Unprocessed swarf comes from either Timet, RTI, or ATI facilities.
- C. It is my understanding that titanium was being processed at the time of the fire but some zirconium drums were in the press room.

From: Tarka, Michelle [mailto:Michelle.Tarka@epa.state.oh.us]

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 10:15 AM

To: Dorsey, Mike H; Zeto, Michael A; Fenske, James R

Cc: Popotnik, Frank

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As part of Ohio's investigation into the incident at WTI involving zirconium swarf, I have a couple of questions regarding the AL Solutions incident in December 2010.

If you could provide some information, I would appreciate it. I can be reached at 330-385-8421 Monday/Wednesday 6:30 till 12:30, Tuesday/Thurs/Friday 6:30 till 5.

- **A.** OSHA cited AL Solutions (#313378242) for having <u>unvented</u> containers of metals at the time of the incident. I was told by an emergency responder to AL Solutions that he thought drums on-site might have been vented during and/or after the incident by puncturing them with a "Halligan Bar" or "Hooligan Bar", a hand-held bar with a puncture point at the bottom that is swung towards a drum to cause a small hole. Holes might be in tops of lids, or along the bottom 1/3rd of a drum, most commonly.
- 1. Have WV DEP personnel observed any of the drums currently stored at AL Solutions vented in this manner?
- 2. Do you have any photos of drums at AL Solutions vented in this manner?
- **B.** I have been told two conflicting stories. One story is that all the containers present on-site at the time of the fire are in fact, still on-site, and nothing has left the property. Another story is that containers have definitely left the property. I am looking for clarification.

2. If so, can you provide any details?
3. Are the labels of the containers stored outside still visible and legible?
4. Can the owner of the property determine where the containers that remain on-site came from?

Does the owner have records to show (even for billing purposes) what companies sent material, how many containers, weights, what was being processed at the time of the fire, any details at all?
C. There are conflicting stories as to which material might be responsible for the fire.
1. Can you identify whether zirconium or titanium was implicated in the incident?

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1. Were any containers immediately after the incident, or any time since, sent back or retrieved by any companies?

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Thanks

Brian Fuller

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We would appreciate any and all help and assistance that you can offer or provide towards that goal, as well as our next concern; the safe handling, transport and disposal of the zirconium waste. I am available to discuss this at any time, so please do not hesitate to call.

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